

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,) CASE NO. MJ 17-441
v.)
MEHDI MALEK GHASSABI,) DETENTION ORDER
Defendant.)

Offense charged: Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance

Date of Detention Hearing: October 26, 2017.

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. Defendant has been charged with a drug offense, the maximum penalty of which is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to

01 both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).

02 2. Defendant holds dual citizenship in Canada and Iran. He resides in Canada
03 with his wife and two children, and has family in Iran as well. Defendant owns property in
04 Canada and in Iran, as well as liquid assets. He has a history of international travel. His
05 reported employment earnings do not fully explain the extent of his assets.

06 3. Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no
07 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant
08 as required and the safety of the community.

09 It is therefore ORDERED:

10 1. Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney
11 General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from
12 persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

13 2. Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
14 counsel;

15 3. On order of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person
16 in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the
17 defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection
18 with a court proceeding; and

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01 4. The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel
02 for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United State Pretrial Services
03 Officer.

04 DATED this 27th day of October, 2017.

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07 Mary Alice Theiler
08 United States Magistrate Judge
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